

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(currently amended)** A cane or walking stick device that helps a person to walk or stand and that allows the person to extend and maintain his or her leg in an essentially horizontal position while seated, said device comprising:

- a) a means for supporting the person while walking or standing, wherein said means for supporting~~means~~ has length, and a longitudinal direction, and extends essentially vertically to a desired height;
- b) a means for holding the means for supporting by the person; and,
- c) a means for propping the person's calf, ankle, foot, or leg while seated,

wherein:

- i) said means for propping comprises a rigid bracket means which further comprises a means for mounting said rigid bracket means to the means for supporting with at least two mounting points and a means for resting the person's calf, ankle, foot, or leg;
- ii) said means for resting the person's calf, ankle foot, or leg further comprises an upper padded straight element and a lower padded straight element;
- iii) the upper padded straight element is mounted to the supporting means in the direction of said supporting means;
- iv) the lower padded straight element is pivotally connected to the upper padded element so that it may move angularly at its pivot, ranging from a direction along said supporting means to a direction essentially perpendicular to said supporting means;
- v) said means for propping further comprises a pivoting means that permits the means for propping to entirely touch the supporting means so that the means for propping is not extended essentially perpendicular to the supporting means

when the person desires to use the device to assist in walking or standing.

- vi) when the lower padded straight element extends in a direction essentially perpendicular to said supporting means, it becomes locked into that position, and remains locked in that position until it is manually released.

2. **(original)** The device of claim 1 wherein the means for supporting is a shaft or rod.

3. **(original)** The device of claim 2 wherein the means for supporting has a circular cross section.

4. **(original)** The device of claim 1 wherein the means for holding is the shaft or rod itself.

5. **(original)** The device of claim 1 wherein the means for holding is a handle having a desired shape.

6-8 **(canceled)**

9. **(withdrawn)** The device of claim 1 further comprising a second means for propping identical to said means for propping, and also extending essentially perpendicular to the supporting means in such manner that the person may simultaneously extend and maintain both legs leg in an essentially horizontal position while seated.

10-11 **(canceled)**

12. **(currently amended)** The device of claim ~~[[10]]~~¹ wherein the means for propping is adjustable so as to accommodate calves, ankles, feet, or legs of varying sizes.

13. **(currently amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising a means for adjusting the position of the means for propping at a plurality of discreet positions along the length of the means for supporting~~means~~.

14. **(currently amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising a means for adjusting the position of the means for propping continuously along the length of the means for supporting~~means~~.

15. **(previously presented)** A cane or walking stick device that helps a person to walk or stand and that allows a person to extend and maintain

his or her leg in an essentially horizontal position while seated, said device comprising:

- a) a shaft having length, and a longitudinal direction, and comprising first and second ends;
- b) a base at the first end of the shaft, said base allowing the device to rest on the floor with the shaft extending essentially vertically; and,
- c) a resting device mounted to the shaft at a selected position along its length, said resting device being configured to allow the person while seated to rest his or her calf, ankle, foot, or leg thereon, wherein:
 - i) said resting device comprises a rigid mounting bracket that mounts to the shaft in at least two mounting points;
 - ii) said resting device further comprises a rigid upper padded straight element and a rigid lower padded straight element;
 - iii) the rigid upper padded straight element extends along the longitudinal direction of the shaft;
 - iv) the rigid lower padded straight element is connected to the rigid upper padded straight element using a pivot mechanism that allows the rigid lower padded straight element to move angularly ranging from the longitudinal direction of the shaft to a direction essentially perpendicular to the shaft;
 - v) the resting device is configured so that it may entirely touch the shaft when the rigid lower padded straight element is not extended essentially perpendicular to the shaft; and
 - vi) the pivot mechanism permits the rigid lower padded straight element to entirely touch the shaft so that it is optionally not extended essentially perpendicular to the shaft when the person desires to use the cane or walking stick device to assist in walking or standing
 - vii) when the rigid lower padded straight element extends in a direction essentially perpendicular to the shaft, it becomes

locked into that position, and remains locked in that position until it is manually released.

16. **(original)** The device of claim 15 wherein the shaft is a cylinder.
17. **(original)** The device of claim 15 wherein the shaft is hollow.
18. **(withdrawn and currently amended)** The device of claim 15 wherein the shaft has a plurality of positioning holes drilled along the length of the shaft to allow the resting device~~protrusion~~ to be positioned at selected positions along the length of the shaft.
19. **(original)** The device of claim 15 wherein the base comprises an elastic non-slip tip.
20. **(original)** The device of claim 15 wherein the base comprises multiple prongs.
- 21-22 **(canceled)**
23. **(withdrawn and currently amended)** The device of claim ~~[[22]]~~15 further comprising
 - a) a rigid bracket having a mounting portion with at least two mounting points and a resting portion;
 - b) resilient padding;
 - c) a mounting bracket upon which the resting device is attached, said mounting bracket attaching to the cane or walking stick device;
 - ~~da)~~ a track having a length shorter than that of the rigid mounting bracket which allows the position of the rigid lower padded straight element to be finely adjusted; and,
 - ~~eb)~~ tightening screws to lock the position of the resting device~~protrusion~~ on the track.
24. **(currently amended)** The device of claim ~~[[21]]~~15 wherein the resting device~~protrusion~~ further comprises two clamps for continuously positioning the resting device~~protrusion~~ along the length of the shaft.
25. **(previously presented)** The device of claim 15 further comprising a handle having a desired shape at the second end of the shaft.
- 26-31 **(canceled)**
32. **(withdrawn and previously presented)** The cane or walking stick of claim 42, wherein the improvement further comprises:

- a) a track having a length shorter than that of the mounting bracket which allows the position of the resting device to be finely adjusted; and,
 - b) tightening screws to lock the position of the resting device on the track.
33. **(canceled)**
34. **(withdrawn and previously presented)** The cane or walking stick of claim 42, wherein the improvement further comprises two resting devices being configured to allow the person while seated to rest both of his or her calves, ankles, feet, or legs thereon.
35. **(previously presented)** The cane or walking stick of claim 42, wherein the resting device is detachable.
36. **(previously presented)** The cane or walking stick of claim 42, wherein the resting device is configurable by the person so as to remain attached to the cane or walking stick but to optionally not protrude.
- 37-41 **(canceled)**
42. **(currently amended)** A cane or walking stick comprising a shaft having length and a longitudinal direction, wherein the improvement comprises a resting device that further comprises a rigid bracket having a mounting portion with at least two mounting points, a pivot mechanism, a rigid upper padded straight element, and a rigid lower padded straight element, wherein:
- a) the rigid upper padded straight element extends along the longitudinal direction of the shaft;
 - b) the rigid lower padded straight element is connected to the rigid upper padded straight element ~~using~~ at the pivot mechanism that allows the rigid lower padded straight element to move angularly ranging from the longitudinal direction of the shaft to a direction essentially perpendicular to the shaft,
 - d) the pivot mechanism ~~further comprises a locking mechanism that permits the rigid lower padded straight element to be locked into position when extended essentially perpendicular to the shaft until manually released; and~~

- e) the pivot mechanism permits the rigid lower padded straight element to entirely touch the shaft so that it is optionally not extended essentially perpendicular to the shaft when the person desires to use the cane or walking stick to assist in walking or standing.